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THE PRESIDENT IS STILL LIVING. His Condition Is Extremely Grave, However, and the Crisis Is Not Yet Past.

He Passed a Very Favorable Day, but the Surgeons Do Not Want to Create False Hope—Are Chances for Recovery, but they Depend Upon Contingencies.

Buffalo, September 7.—President McKinley's condition is ex-
tremely grave. The crisis will probably come within twenty-four
hours. While his physicians hold out hope and the developments
of the day have been somewhat encouraging, in that none of the
symptoms of peritonitis or blood poisoning, which they so much
dread, have appeared, medical experience with similar wounds
causes much anxiety, and the physicians shake their heads gloomily
when they speak of the future. Although their distinguished
patient's condition has been favorable throughout the day, they do
not desire to buoy the country with false hopes. Inflammation is
what they fear, and at the first sign in that direction the country
must steel itself for the blow.

For the time being the bullet of the assassin which is still in
the body is a secondary consideration. While it has not been ab-
solutely located, they all agree that after passing through the ab-
dominal cavity and perforating both walls of the stomach, perhaps
it lodged in the fleshy muscles of the back, and if necessity re-
quired it could easily be located with the Roentgen ray and extract-
ed. They agree that it is now of more importance that the presi-
dent should recover from the shock of operation than that the bullet
should be removed.

Peritonitis is what they dread most, and after that septic poi-
soning and suppuration of the wound. The crucial point will come
within forty-eight hours, possibly sooner. Indeed, one of the at-
tending physicians said today that if no signs of inflammation ap-
peared before tomorrow he would consider the chances of ultimate
recovery exceedingly good. Several of his colleagues, however, are
not so sanguine.

The president has been dozing drowsily throughout the major
portion of the day. Two physicians and two trained nurses are
constantly at his bedside. He has not yet fully recovered from the
effects of ether which was administered to him. He was under the
influence of the powerful anaesthetic for over an hour. The result
is that, although perfectly rational when conscious, he dozes much
of the time. Absolute quiet and freedom from excitement the phy-
sicians consider essential now, and visitors are rigidly excluded.
Not a cabinet officer nor even Secretary Cortelyou was allowed in
the sick chamber today. With the exception of the physicians and
attendants, Mrs. McKinley was the only person who crossed the
threshold.

The president asked to see her, and the physicians did not have

the heart to refuse his request. She was there but a few minutes,
seated at his bedside, as he in his devotion to her in her recent ill-
ness so often had been at hers.

Mrs. McKinley had been warned not to talk, and the president
and his wife exchanged only a few words. It was only when he
asked her to be brave for both their sakes that she faltered and al-
most broke down. With choking throat and brimming eyes she
promised with a bow of her head. Almost immediately thereafter
she was led from the room by Dr. Rixey.

Mrs. McKinley throughout the trying ordeal has shown re-
markable fortitude. She has been mistress of herself and her sor-
row and has been almost as calm and self-possessed as the presi-
dent himself. And no more could be said. For throughout it all
the president has been cooler than those about him. He was so
yesterday when the pistol was discharged against his breast, and
he has been so today even in his semi-consciousness.

When Dr. Rixey told Mrs. McKinley today of the gravity of
the case she did not break down. On the contrary, feeble as she is,
grief seemed to lend her strength and she felt that she must bear up
for his sake.

The president has taken no nourishment since he was shot.
Water is given to him at intervals, but no food of any kind as yet.
His physicians say he has plenty of reserve strength to draw upon
and for the present neither nourishment nor artificial stimulants
are necessary. No medicine except digitalis has been given, and
that was administered to quiet his pulse, which mounted this morn-
ing to 145. Both his respiration and temperature, although they
varied considerably during the day, were considered satisfactory.
The doctors issued five bulletins between 6 o'clock this morning
and 6:30 this evening, and because they showed an absence of un-
favorable conditions they were generally regarded as very hopeful.
The record of pulse showed a wide variation during the day, but
any alarm occasioned on that score was minimized by a statement
from Dr. Rixey, the president's physician, that Mr. McKinley's
pulse under normal conditions was inclined to be erratic, and that
he was not unfavorably impressed by the circumstance.

The physicians were not concerned as to the patient's tempera-
ture. During the forenoon and well into the afternoon it held at
102 degrees, and then began to increase slightly. At 3:30 it was
at 102.2, and three hours later it had risen to 102.5, but even at the
latter point it was not viewed with concern. The respiration was
looked upon as being quite satisfactory.

THE ASSASSIN'S CONFESSION

Czolgosz Made a Statement to the Police, in Which He Tells of His Life and the Conception and Execution of His Crime.

Chicago, September 7.—A special to the
Daily News from Buffalo says: The state-
ment of Leon Czolgosz made to the police,
transcribed and signed by the prisoner, is
as follows:
"I was born in Detroit, nearly twenty-
five years ago. My parents were Russian
Poles. They came here forty-one years
ago. I got my education in the public
schools of Detroit and then went to Cleve-
land, where I got work. In Cleveland I
read books on socialism and met a great
many socialists. I was pretty well known
as a socialist in the West. After being
in Cleveland for several years, I went to
Chicago, where I remained seven months,
after which I went to Newberg, on the
suburbs of Cleveland and went to work
in the Newberg Wire mills.
"During the last five years I have had
no friends anywhere in Chicago, Cleveland,
Detroit and other Western cities and I sup-
pose I became more or less bitter. Yes,
I knew I was bitter. I never had much
luck at anything and this preyed upon me.
It made me morose and envious, but what
started the craze to kill was a lecture I
heard some little time ago by Emma Gold-
man. She was in Cleveland and I and
other anarchists went to hear her. She
set me on fire.
"Her doctrine, that all rulers should be
exterminated, was what set me to thinking
so that my head nearly split with the pain.
Miss Goldman's words went right through
me and when I left the lecture I had made
up my mind that I would do something
terrible for the cause I loved. Eight days
ago while I was in Chicago, I read in a
Chicago newspaper of President McKinley's
visit to the Pan-American exposition at

Buffalo. That day I bought a ticket for
Buffalo and got here with the determina-
tion to do something, but I did not know
just what. I thought of shooting the
president, but I had not formed a plan.
"I went to live at 1078 Broadway, which
is a saloon and hotel. John Nowak, a
Pole, a sort of politician, who has led his
people for years, owns it. I told Nowak
nothing about what was setting me crazy.
I went to the exposition grounds a couple
of times today. Not until Tuesday morn-
ing did the resolution to shoot the presi-
dent take a hold of me. It was in my
heart; there was no escape for me. I could
not have conquered had my life been at
stake. There were thousands of people
in town on Tuesday. I heard it was Presi-
dent's day. All those people seemed how-
ling to the great ruler. I made up my
mind to kill that ruler. I bought a 32-
caliber revolver and loaded it.
"On Tuesday night I went to the fair
grounds and was near the railway gate
when the presidential party arrived. I
tried to get near him, but the police forced
me back. They forced everybody back so
that the great ruler could pass. I was
close to the president when he got into
the grounds, but was afraid to attempt
the assassination because there were so
many men in the bodyguard that watched
him. I was not afraid of them or that I
should get hurt, but afraid I might be
seized and that my chance would be gone
forever.
"Well, he went away that time and I
went home. On Wednesday I went to the
grounds and stood right near the president

right under him near the stand from which
he spoke.
"I thought half a dozen times of shoot-
ing while he was speaking, but I could not
get close enough. I was afraid I might
miss and then the great crowd was al-
ways jostling and I was afraid lest my aim
fall. I waited Wednesday and the presi-
dent got into his carriage again and a
lot of men were about him and formed a
cordon that I could not get through. I
was tossed about by the crowd and my
spirits were getting pretty low. I was
almost hopeless that night.
"Yesterday morning I went again to the
exposition grounds. Emma Goldman's

speech was still burning me up. I waited
near the central entrance for the president,
who was to board his special train from
that gate, but the police allowed nobody
but the president's party to pass where
the train waited, so I stayed at the grounds
all day waiting.
"During yesterday I first thought of hid-
ing my pistol under my handkerchief. I
was afraid if I had to draw it from my
pocket I would be seen and seized by the
guards. I got to the Temple of Music,
the first one, and waited at the spot where
the reception was to be held.
"Then he came, the president—the ruler—
I got in line and trembled and trembled

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